In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1-4. Please cancel claims 5-12. Please add new claims 13-28. The claims are as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A method for managing an electronic commerce (e-commerce) shopping cart relating to communication between a shopper and a server over a communication network, said method comprising the ~~acts~~ steps of:

determining by the server whether a shopping command of [[a]] the shopper has change[[s]]d an attribute of a primary item in [[a]] the shopping cart;

~~when~~ after the server has determined that the shopping command ~~changes an~~ has changed the attribute of [[a]] the primary item in the shopping cart, identifying by the server a secondary item in the shopping cart linked to the primary item; and

changing by the server a corresponding attribute of the secondary item in response to the change in the attribute of the primary item.

2. (Currently amended) [[A]] The method of claim 1, wherein after said identifying step and before said changing step, said method further comprising the steps of: ~~for managing a shopping cart, comprising the acts of:~~

~~determining whether a shopping command of a shopper changes an attribute of a primary item in a shopping cart;~~

~~when the shopping command changes an attribute of a primary item, identifying a~~

secondary item in the shopping cart linked to the primary item;

soliciting and receiving by the server authorization [[of]] from the shopper to change [[a]] the corresponding attribute of the secondary item in response to the change in the attribute of the primary item; and changing the corresponding attribute of the secondary item in response to the change in the attribute of the primary item, in accord with authorization of the shopper.

3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 2, wherein said authorization is explicit.

4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 2, wherein said authorization is implicit.

5-12 (Canceled)

13. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein before said determining step, said method further comprising the step of: waiting by the server for said shopping command and continuing to wait by the server for said shopping command so long as said shopping command has not been received by the server.

14. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein after said determining step has determined that the shopping command has changed the attribute of said primary item and before said identifying step, said method further comprising the steps of:

ascertaining whether the primary item is a new primary item; and

after said ascertaining has ascertained that the primary item is not said new primary item,

then performing said identifying step.

15. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the attribute of the primary item and the corresponding attribute of the secondary item are a same attribute.

16. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the attribute of the primary item and the corresponding attribute of the secondary item are different attributes.

17. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the communication network comprises the Internet.

18. (New) The method of claim 1, said determining, identifying, and changing steps being performed for a merchant of the primary item.

19. (New) A system, comprising a server adapted to implement a method for managing an electronic commerce (e-commerce) shopping cart relating to communication between a shopper and a server over a communication network, said method comprising the steps of:

determining by the server whether a shopping command of the shopper has changed an attribute of a primary item in the shopping cart;

after the server has determined that the shopping command has changed the attribute of the primary item in the shopping cart, identifying by the server a secondary item in the shopping cart linked to the primary item; and

changing by the server a corresponding attribute of the secondary item in response to the

change in the attribute of the primary item.

20. (New) The system of claim 19, wherein after said identifying step and before said changing step, said method further comprising the step of:

   soliciting and receiving by the server authorization from the shopper to change the corresponding attribute of the secondary item in response to the change in the attribute of the primary item.

21. (New) The system of claim 20, wherein said authorization is explicit.

22. (New) The system of claim 20, wherein said authorization is implicit.

23. (New) The system of claim 19, wherein before said determining step, said method further comprising the step of: waiting by the server for said shopping command and continuing to wait by the server for said shopping command so long as said shopping command has not been received by the server.

24. (New) The system of claim 19, wherein after said determining step has determined that the shopping command has changed the attribute of said primary item and before said identifying step, said method further comprising the steps of:

   ascertaining whether the primary item is a new primary item; and

   after said ascertaining has ascertained that the primary item is not said new primary item,

then performing said identifying step.

25. (New) The system of claim 19, wherein the attribute of the primary item and the corresponding attribute of the secondary item are a same attribute.

26. (New) The system of claim 19, wherein the attribute of the primary item and the corresponding attribute of the secondary item are different attributes.

27. (New) The system of claim 19, wherein the communication network comprises the Internet.

28. (New) The system of claim 19, said determining, identifying, and changing steps being performed for a merchant of the primary item.